



Left, Green, Progressive
**EUROPEAN
 FORUM**

Rivas Vaciamadrid

10-12 NOVEMBER 2023

7th edition of the European Forum of Left, Green and Progressive forces

10th, 11th, 12th of November 2023, Rivas-Vaciamadrid ([City Hall](#))

PROGRAM

Interpretation : FR, EN, ES for all sessions

Friday 10th of November 2023

13h30 Opening of registration ([City Hall](#), Plaza de la Constitución 3, 28522 Rivas-Vaciamadrid)

14h00-14h45 Opening of the Forum (Salón de actos - City hall)

Aída Castillejo (Mayor of Rivas Vaciamadrid)

Conny Hildebrandt (Co-President of transform!europe)

Manon Aubry (Co-Presidente of THE LEFT) (VIDEO)

Paloma López (General Secretary of CCOO Madrid)

Ismael González (Member of the EL Political Secretariat and Secretary of organization of Izquierda Unida)

Moderation: Jose Luis Centella (Co-Coordinator of the European Forum)

15h00-17h00 3 debates in parallel

→ **Social struggles in Europe for social progress in a context of work transformation** (Marcos Ana – Cultural center)

Marciano Sánchez (Federation of Associations for the Defense of Public Health Care, Spain)

Maria Vindevoghel (Member of Parliament PTB, Belgium)

Rafael Mayoral (Ex Member of Parliament of Podemos, Spain)

Sacha Tenaerts (Roving CNE delegate at Delhaize, Belgium)

Sébastien Menesplier (General Secretary of Mine and Energy Federation of the CGT, France)

Toni Barbarà (Mareas Blancas, Cataluña)

Moderation : Fátima Aguado (CS-CCOO International and Cooperation Secretariat)

→ **Feminist Assembly** (Pedro Zerolo – City Hall)

Hélène Bidard (Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of gender equality)

María Eugenia Rodríguez Palop (MEP THE LEFT, Spain)

Alyssa Ahrabare (Lawyer, advocacy officer for the European Network of Migrant Women, Vice-President of the French Coordination for the European Women's Lobby)

Osmayda Hernandez Beleño (Member of the National Secretariat of the Federation of Cuban Women for international relations, Cuba)

Leticia Montes Rodríguez (President of Union Nacional Mujeres Mexicanas A.C)

Moderation: Cristina Simo (Movimiento Democrático de Mujeres – MDM, Feminist sector of the Communist Party of Spain)

→ **Workshop: "Money for the people, not for capital"**. (Salón de actos - Cultural center)

Tea Jarc (Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC)

Carlos Martín (Member of Parliament of Sumar, Spain)

Pablo Sánchez Centellas (European Public Services Federation, EPSU)

Sandrine Michel (Professor of economics at the University of Montpellier)

Moderation : Frédéric Boccara (Economist, Communist Party of France)

17h00-17h30 Coffee break (Patio Cultural Center)

17h30-19h30 **Plenary 1 building the Peaceful Europe and beyond: Collective strategies for global security** (Salón de actos - City hall)

Sean Conner (Executive Director of International Peace Bureau)

Christina Nikolaou (Head of the Environmental Bureau and member of the European Affairs Bureau, AKEL)

Vincent Boulet (Vice-President of the Party of the European Left)

Manu Pineda (MEP THE LEFT, Spain)

Gloria Inés Ramírez (Minister of Labour, Colombia)

Modération : Maite Mola (Responsable of the EL International Relations)

19h30 Welcome Cocktail (City hall)

20h00-21h30 **Political Conference : Empowering the Left for Victory: Forging Democratic, Social, and Ecological Alternatives** (Salón de actos - City hall)

Yolanda Díaz (Minister of Labour, Spain)

Mitja Svete (Secretary General of Levica, Slovenia)

Walter Baier (President of the Party of the European Left)

Ludovic Voet (ETUC Confederal Secretary)

David Pestieau (Political Director of the PTB, Belgium)

Monica Valente (Executive Secretary of the Foro de São Paulo, Brazil)

Moderation : Vincent Boulet (Co-coordinator of the European Forum)

21h30 Typical Basque dinner with Cider and ham! (City hall)

Saturday 11th of November 2023

9h30-11h30 **3 debates in parallel**

→ **Workshop The role of the state** (Pedro Zerolo – City Hall)

Conny Hildebrand (Co-President transform! europe)
Diego Lopez Garrido (Former Secretary of state to the EU)
Ajda Pistotnik (Policy Lab)
Léa Das Neves Bicho (Political adviser to MEP Philippe Lamberts in the European Parliament)
Moderation: Kevin Le Merle (Analyst at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, FEPS)

→ **Workshop The future of the European integration** (Salón de actos - Cultural center)

Helmut Scholz (MEP THE LEFT, Germany)
David Pestieau (Political Director of the PTB, Belgium)
Veronika Sušová-Salminen (Researcher, co-author of the study "100 Shades of the EU")
Vincent Boulet (Head of International Relations of the French Communist Party)
Josu Estarrona (EH Bildu Senator in Madrid)
Pedro Chaves (Professor of Political Science at the Carlos III University of Madrid)
Moderation: Walter Baier (President of the European Left) and Marga Ferré (Vice-president of transform! Europe)

→ **Workshop THE LEFT : Asylum and migrants rights: which alternative to the bellicist policies of the EU** (Marcos Ana – Cultural Center)

Fatou Faye (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Senegal)
Gonzalo Fanjul (PorCausa, Spain)
Mimmo Lucano (Former mayor of Riace, Italy)
Sira Rego (MEP THE LEFT, Spain)
Moderation : Panagiota Maniou (Vice general secretary of the LEFT, Greece)

11h30-12h00 Coffee break (Patio Cultural Center)

12h00-14h00 **3 debates in parallel**

→ **Workshop Energy and climate change** (Pedro Zerolo – City Hall)

Eva García Sempere (Environmental activists, former MP and energy transition expert).
Kevin Le Merle (Analyst at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, FEPS)
Davide Panzeri (Lead European Programme, ECCO, Italian think tank on climate change)
Sean Currie (Co-spokesperson Federation of Young European Greens)
Moderation: Taube Van Melkebele (Policy Manager, Green European Foundation, GEF)

→ **Youth Assembly : Antifascism without borders: European stories and current struggles** (Marcos Ana – Cultural Center)

→ **For a just peace in the Middle East** (Salón de actos – Cultural Center)

Husni Abdel Wahed (Palestinian Ambassador to Spain)
Wieland Hoban (President of Jewish Voice for a Just Peace, Germany)
Moderation: Ines Mahmoud (Researcher and political economist, Austria)

14h00-16h00 Lunch: popular Paella! (City hall)

16h00-18h00 **Plenary 2 What social, economic and political model do we need to get back within the planetary boundaries?** (Salón de actos - City hall)

Sean Currie (Co-spokesperson Federation of Young European Greens)
Roland Kulke (Facilitator of the Working Group Productive Transformation, transform!europe)
PSOE

Moderation : Eva Garcia Sempere (Federal Coordinator for Environment and Ecology of Izquierda Unida)

18h00-18h30 Coffee break (Patio Cultural Center)

18h30-20h00 **3 debates in parallel**

→ **Parliamentary Assembly** (Pedro Zero – City Hall)

Emmanuel Maurel (MEP THE LEFT, Republican and Socialist Left, France)

Enrique Santiago (MP Communist Party of Spain)

Maria Vindevoghel (Member of Parliament PTB, Belgium)

Nataša Sukič (MP Levica, Slovenia)

Domènec Ruiz Devesa (MEP S&D PSOE)

Moderation: Marta Martín Morán (Communist Party of Spain)

→ **Culture Assembly: Culture for all, right away!** (Marcos Ana – Cultural Center)

Cristina Bermejo (General Secretary of the Media, Arts, Culture, Sports and Leisure Sector of the CCOO)

Julien Dohet (Political Secretary of the SETCa-FGTB Liège, Belgium)

Olga Athaniti (Artist, Greece)

Sabina Di Marco (National secretary and Head of Cultural Content Production, CGIL, Italy)

Moderation : Jean-Pierre Michiels (Communists of Wallonie-Bruxelles)

→ **Workshop on the 50th anniversary of the end of dictatorship in Greece, Spain and Portugal / Fight against the far right** (Salón de actos - Cultural center)

Luis Fazenda (Abril Agora campaign, Portugal)

Carlos Guinote (President of the chemical workers of Portugal in 1971)

Mauricio Valiente (Communist Party of Spain)

Julia Hidalgo

Magda Fiteli (ASKI and UAB, Greece)

Moderation: Marga Ferré (Co-President of transform!europe)

20h15-21h30 Dinner by Lakook Causas CEAR (Spanish Commission for Refugee Assistance, inclusive and sustainable social catering) (City hall)

21h30 **CONCERT The Hot Tubes** (Marcos Ana – Cultural Center)

Sunday 12th of November 2023

10h00-12h00 Trade Unionist Assembly : Delivering good jobs in a green & digital economy: the working class at the centre of a new social deal (Salón de actos - City hall)

Ludovic Voet (ETUC Confederal Secretary)

Maria Vindevoghel (Member of Parliament PTB, Belgium)

Veronica Martínez Barbero (Member of Parliament, Sumar, Spain)

Frederic Mellier (Member of the National Council of the Communist Party of France)

Lorena Rodríguez Zarco (Worker at the Municipal Services Company RIVAMADRID - CCOO Delegate in the Company Committee)

Moderation: Enrique Carmona (Head of CCOO Brussels office, Spain)

12h00-12h30 Coffee break (City hall)

12h30-14h00 **Conclusions** /Final Declaration and action plan/ Toward the 8th European Forum in Budapest (Salón de actos - City hall)

Ernest Urtasun (Vice-President Greens/EFA)

Jose Luis Centella (Co-Coordinator of the European Forum)

Marga Ferré (Co-President of transform!europe)

Report from the Assemblies

Toward the 8th European Forum in Budapest : Attila Vajnai (Workers' Party of Hungary 2006) and

Martin Leiter (Yes Solidarity for Hungary Movement)

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MUSICAL CONCERT

THE HOT TUBES

SALA MARCOS ANA - CENTRO CULTURAL FEDERICO GARCÍA LORCA

ENTRADA GRATUITA

21.30 PLAZA DE LA CONSTITUCIÓN
RIVAS VACIAMADRID

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